

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to reflect that the present application is a divisional of Application No. 09/051,395, which is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/CA97/00568.

The specification has also been amended, like in the parent application, to include an Abstract on a separate page after the last page of the claims.

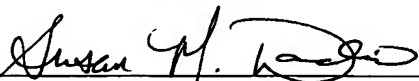
Further, claims 1-20 have been canceled and new claims 21-41 have been added. Support for the newly added claims can be found throughout the originally filed application. Thus, no new matter has been added.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **ABSTRACT**

Submandibular peptides have been isolated and characterized and provide pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment or prevention of anaphylactic reactions, endotoxic reactions and SIRS-induced shock.